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The State Journal is a member of the Associated Press and receives the full day telegraph report of that great news organization for exclusive afternoon publication in Topeka.

The news received in the State Journal building over wires for this sole purpose, busy throughout the entire day. A complete copy of the night report is also received.

Rents are advancing in Topeka. Is this circumstance due to the war in the Orient?

As soon as it was known that Farmer Armour was marketing his wheat the price went down.

It is a little too late for Colombia to apply for a place alongside of China in the matter of guaranteed entity.

It now begins to look as though the service pension legislation will be compelled to wait until after the presidential election. Somebody must have feared that it was loaded.

At last the work of reclaiming the arid lands by the government is well under way. Bids were opened at the interior department yesterday for furnishing the government with 150,000 barrels of cement for the big dam, in the Salt river valley, Arizona. The contract involves between \$300,000 and \$750,000.

"A good deal of unnecessary apprehension exists regarding the Northern Securities decision, which is shortly expected," says Henry Clews, and adds: "This, it is generally believed, will be adverse; such a result having already been largely, if not fully, discounted." Those interested certainly have had ample time to prepare for any sort of a verdict.

England is hurrying supplies, guns and ships to Victoria and plans to make the capital of British Columbia a western Gibraltar. These preparations, however, defense have been long in progress, but it is only since the war in the Orient began, with the possibility that England may become involved, that the work has been rushed with energy. Who does she think would attack her on this side of the world?

Dowie is having a hard time in Australia. First he was chased out of Sydney, and now Melbourne breaks up his meetings and refuses him accommodations at the first class hotels. Probably there is no other country in the world where fakirs are tolerated to the extent that they are in the United States. The people have lost none of their willingness to be humbugged since the days of Phineas T. Barnum. They like it in fact, and admire the man that can do it.

Post-Dispatch: The beef trust which has been knocked out, killed, dissolved, etc., by state and federal courts, makes the railroad companies cry out in pain. The trust owns its own cars which gives the concern an advantage when bargaining among competing lines. A rental is expected for the use of the cars and a high mileage rate. The roads kick and fight but what can they do? The trust cares not what line carries the meat, since it will be carried by one or other of them. It commands the situation and may increase its exactions without fear of effective opposition. It is a most remarkable state of affairs, a trust which is not a trust, a combine dissolved, a monopoly declared dead by the courts—if such a negative of all that is positive can cause so much anguish what may not a trust do that is alive and able-bodied?

Commerce between the United States and Porto Rico during the calendar year 1903 amounted, in round terms, to 22 millions of dollars. In 1902, the year prior to annexation, it amounted to \$1,362,912, the total for the year just ended being thus more than five times as great as in 1902. This statement of the commerce passing between the United States and Porto Rico is prepared by the department of commerce and labor, through its bureau of statistics, and gives the details of the movements, by principal articles, in both directions, both of domestic and foreign products. It also shows the commerce of Porto Rico with other countries, which amounted to over 5 million dollars, thus making the total trade of the island more than 25 millions in the year just ended. Of this total of 22 millions dollars between Porto Rico and the United States, \$11,424,313 was domestic products of the United States shipped to Porto Rico, \$9,886,782 domestic products of Porto Rico shipped to the United States, \$386,583 foreign products shipped from the United States to Porto Rico, and \$366,141 foreign products shipped from Porto Rico to the United States. To other parts of the world Porto Rico sent domestic products to the value of \$4,567,810 and foreign products to the value of \$127,332, while from other parts of the world Porto Rico imported \$2,119,523 worth of merchandise.

A LUMBER STORY.

The rates on lumber into Topeka are not so bad as the freight charges on coal, but they are nevertheless pretty bad. Lumber from Texas points to Topeka is 26 cents per hundred pounds, but the railroad companies will haul it right through Topeka and on to Kansas City and only charge Kansas City a total of 23 cents. They will haul it up to Lincoln, Neb., and charge only 25 cents. They will haul it from Texas through Topeka to Lawrence for 24 cents.

These are some of the little irregularities that A. D. Walker, chairman of the board of railroad commissioners, never sees, or seeing, never uses the power the state gives the board to regulate.

By the way, the railroad companies seem to think that the Topeka traffic will bear a still higher rate on lumber and the Missouri Pacific has just given notice that effective today they have advanced the rate on lumber to Topeka to 27 1/2 cents. There seems to be no reason for this, unless it lie in the fact that Wichita recently complaining was paying 25 1/2 cents and has received a reduction to 27 1/2 cents. The Missouri Pacific seems to think that Topeka is easy, and will stand a bigger raise than Wichita secured as a reduction. What the Santa Fe and Rock Island will do is not yet announced.

The above rates are on yellow pine lumber. Now take the matter of white pine, which comes from Wisconsin, and we find more discriminations. On this lumber Kansas City pays 16 cents per hundred pounds. Topeka pays 23 cents. The little town of Hoyt, about fourteen miles northwest of Topeka, gets the same thing for 19 cents. Lincoln, Neb., pays 19 cents, and the village of Soldier, Kansas, about thirty miles northwest from Topeka, and further from the Missouri river than we are, pays only 19 cents. This is a little story about lumber.

No matter how good a railroad law we have, if men like A. D. Walker are to enforce it, we can never expect justice. A good commissioner can do more with a poor law than a poor commissioner with a good law. What Kansas needs is a good commissioner to go with a good law, although the law has a few bad loopholes.

But when railroad laws are formulated by the railroads, and the railroads secure the appointment of the commissioners to enforce the law, what can we expect?

Kansas has a chance for the first time of nominating and electing its board of railroad commissioners.

JAYHAWKER JOYS.

A cynical Salina spinster who had recently intended to take advantage of leap year has suddenly discovered that all of the good men are married.

A Dodge City school teacher had come to town and asked, "What's next?" "A Jack," piped up a small boy whose mother was a member of a card club.

An eligible and wealthy Topeka man of some 70 summers is having many leap year proposals that he will flee to California in March to escape what he terms "persecution."

There is a mild protest in some quarters over the results of Saturday's election in Topeka. It isn't worth while to kick because things can't be done over again. Besides, it might easily be made much worse.

GLOBE SIGHTS.

[From the Atchison Globe.]

Did you ever know a woman who didn't have headache?

Are you as unfair with other people as they are with you?

We never heard of a trading horse over seven years old, or whisky under ten.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who was afraid of a policeman?

Don't count what has been taken from you; count what you have left, and be grateful.

If the world owes us a living, we are mighty grateful that we don't have to be bothered to earn it.

In most homes, when mother gets discouraged, the depression becomes as serious as a spell of sickness.

An Atchison family is divided: The mother wears a Japanese kimono, and the children wear founded blouses.

The General Grant of Russia has the following name to go resounding into history: Alexei Nicolaievitch Kouro-patkin.

There are several girls in a family all the neighbors who they would rather have boys, because they don't make so much sewing.

When it comes to modesty, the tightest worn at a theater seem to have a shade more of it than the union suits worn in the advertisements in the newspapers.

It is unfortunate that with all the poor emblems sent to a funeral, there is none with "S. R. O." meaning Standing Room Only, to be hung up when the house becomes crowded.

An Atchison woman who is 45 years old, and has six children, insists upon living a higher life by neglecting her household duties and spending her husband's money by taking painting lessons, and studying German with a teacher.

This being in society must be harder than going out washing. An Atchison woman gave a party. In the past ten days, 15 women have told her that they caught a severe cold at her house, and hold her responsible. Half the number declared it was because the house was too cold, and the other half said it was too warm.

QUAKER REFLECTIONS.

[From the Philadelphia Record.]

A man is never too old to learn, nor to forget.

A half-hearted kick generally acts as a stimulant.

The less money a man has the more polite he has to be.

Lots of theories won't work—like wise lots of theorists.

There is no reason why a deaf mute shouldn't be dumfounded.

The fellow who has no family tree must branch out for himself.

Lots of people in this world only want the things they can't get.

Any fool can gain experience, but it takes a wise man to profit by it.

It's all right to follow our own inclinations if they don't lead to disaster.

Even the fellow who dyes his scanty locks may feel that he has much to live for.

No, Maude, dear; a railroad restaurant is not quite the same as a waiting room.

Some men have so much confidence in themselves that they haven't any in other people.

First Hen—"What's the matter with old Cackles?" She seems to be in disgrace."

Second Hen—"She was discovered laying an egg that had no union label on it."

Few men consider it worth while to be jealous of their wives after they have been married ten years.

The woman who has an account at a department store is apt to make counter charges against her husband.

A woman can't keep a secret, anyhow, so it doesn't make any difference whether she talks in her sleep or not.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.]

Paving an engagement ring is a pledge of love.

Some lawyers consider it a crime to confess a crime.

Enthusiasm and lying are synonymous with some people.

A weak artist can draw a larger object than a strong horse.

One man's greatness is due to the aid of many smaller men.

Fortunate is the man who can borrow enough money to pay his debts.

The market invariably turns soon after a man's margins have been wiped out.

If some girls who think they can sing would not try to prove it all might be forgiven.

Girls usually want to marry men who can support them in a style to which they have been unaccustomed.

It has been said that girls give up piano playing after marriage. Probably the dealers' creatures started the rumor for the purpose of encouraging young men to propose.

ENDED IN A ROW.

Folk Men Jump from Window at Missouri Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., March 1.—The Democratic county convention which met today at Clayton to select delegates to the state convention for the nomination of candidates for governor and other state officers, ended in a row and a split. The folk delegates to the convention, who had jumped from the windows of the court house, where the convention was held. The turmoil stopped the Barrington murder trial. Eventually the Hawes delegates met and elected delegates, while the adherents of Joseph Folk decided to meet later this week.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mr. Fred J. Gordon, a former resident of Topeka, died at his home, in Walters, Ok., yesterday afternoon, after a short illness. His widow and his sister, Mrs. L. H. Gordon, will arrive tomorrow morning on the Rock Island with his remains. Mr. Gordon was the son of E. S. Gordon, of Potwin, and son-in-law of Judge A. L. Redden, of this city. Definite announcement cannot be made concerning the funeral until tomorrow; but it will probably take place at the residence of Judge Redden, 1101 Topeka avenue, tomorrow afternoon.

Mary E. Jones, aged 40 years, wife of C. R. Jones, died yesterday at her home on Second avenue east, of pneumonia. The funeral will be held from the home at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Henry James, aged 17 years, an inmate of the Topeka insane asylum, died Sunday. The funeral was held this afternoon from the home at 1212 Norris street in North Topeka.

Mrs. A. Dettler died at her home, eight miles northeast of North Topeka, at 9 a. m. Monday. The funeral was held from the home at 2 p. m. today.

Theoph Hogue, aged 26, died of typhoid fever at the Santa Fe hospital last night. He was a member of the Hoyt Odd Fellows lodge. The funeral will be held from the home at 1717 West street, at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, the burial being made in Linn Creek cemetery.

Alcohol and Insanity.

The attention of those who take a little something for their appetite and those who have not yet reached the stage in which the hideous things of nature become visible is respectfully called to the report of Dr. J. Percy Reid, superintendent of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, who states that there is an alarming increase in the number of men who are afflicted with insanity caused by the use of alcohol. Dr. Reid also says that the number of alcoholic patients is constantly multiplying. Most people are inclined to look upon the delirium tremens as something amusing, but in the aspect of the case pointed out by Dr. Reid, it is a very serious matter.

Shipping Bill Passes.

Washington, March 1.—The bill providing that supplies for the army and navy should be carried in American ships passed the senate, 45 to 17.

LOW RATES.

The Santa Fe Will Make Low Rates to the Southwest March 15.

Never before have such low rates been made to Oklahoma, Texas and Pecos Valley as will be made by the Santa Fe March 15. When this series of excursions ends, rates will be advanced.

Rates to a few points are quoted, to show wide range of territory covered. Only \$5.50 to Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Shawnee and other points in the Territory. To Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston and other points in Texas, \$5.00 one way, \$15.00 round trip. El Paso, Deming, etc., \$25.00 round trip. Corresponding reductions to Topeka, Carlsbad and other points in Pecos Valley.

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FOR CHORAL SOCIETY.

Reserved Seats Will Go on Sale

Thursday.

Reserved seats for the annual concert of the Topeka Choral Society assisted by the Topeka Symphony orchestra will go on sale Thursday morning at the E. B. Guild Music store. The concert will be given Tuesday evening, March 8, at the Auditorium.

Under the direction of Prof. George B. Penny the chorus has been doing some hard work during the past several months in preparation for this concert. Rehearsals have been in progress for several weeks at which both the hundred members of the Choral Society and the twenty-five members of the orchestra have been present.

The program for the concert will include all new music. Nothing which has been sung in public here before will be given. It will include solos, duets, trios and choruses.

The price of admission to this concert will be 25c, which will put it within the reach of everyone.

MR. HANNA IS HERE.

Lieutenant Governor Has Been Paying Little Attention to Politics.

Lieutenant Governor D. J. Hanna is in Topeka today for the first time since the adjournment of the special session of the legislature last June. He was busy all summer and fall selling real estate and more recently he has been establishing a new bank at Morland, Graham county, in which he is interested. He has been paying little attention to politics. He came down to Topeka last night to attend the anti-machine conference at the National.

"The boys seem to think I have been out in the woods all during the recent political developments," he said, "and I guess that's so. I've had too much business on hand to do anything with politics. All last month I was up there at Morland. In the west end of my county getting our new barn started."

"The car famine last summer and fall turned out to be a good thing for our wheat raisers after all. We had a great deal of trouble in getting any cars at all. The Union Pacific gave most of them to points where they had competition and we got left. The consequence was that a lot of our wheat raisers had a good deal of wheat left on their hands when this big rise came, just because they had not been able to get cars in which to ship it. That little bit of Morland land, \$200,000 worth of wheat the past season before it got a bank, and even now it is averaging 1,500 bushels of wheat a day and keeping it up."

"Our new wheat crop is all right so far, but we would like some rain. It can perhaps get along for two weeks longer, but March is the critical month for wheat. If it should continue dry and be windy, as it usually is, the crop would be blown away from the roots of the wheat."

SAY'S ITS A MONOPOLY.

Teller Opposes the Pending Shipping Bill in Senate.

Washington, March 1.—The senate today resumed consideration of the bill requiring the employment of American vessels for the transportation of mail and supplies. Mr. Teller spoke in opposition to the measure. He based his objection upon the ground that the bill would be a monopoly to a certain class of trade.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, March 1.—The house today passed a bill giving the consent of congress to the removal of restrictions on the transportation of mail and supplies by railroads in Washington. Consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill was resumed in the committee of the whole.

LUCAS NEARLY READY.

If You Haven't Paid Personal Property Tax Look Out.

Sheriff Lucas has made the positive statement that he will levy on all personal property on which the tax has not been paid unless the taxes are paid to him within a short time. He said that he will levy on all personal property where taxes are due. "We will continue to receive collections for a time but soon we will have a date at which time all personal property tax must be paid and we will give warning that we will levy after a certain time and sell the goods and property for the unpaid taxes. No sheriff in Shawnee county has ever levied for the payment of unpaid personal tax and should Lucas do this, it will be an innovation."

Kansas-Colorado Suit.

The Kansas-Colorado litigation will come up in the United States supreme court in April. It has been argued on a large scale in Colorado and at the present time. It will probably be next fall or winter before a decision can be made by the United States supreme court, and it may be even longer.

"Lord" Barrington on Trial.

St. Louis, Mo., March 1.—F. D. Monahan, who knew James R. McCann, the murdered horeman in Chicago, testified today in the trial of Frederick Seymour, Lord Barrington, charged with his killing. He testified as to the identification of the body, asserting that he could not be mistaken. Chas. Fillingham, a prominent citizen of Albany, who was in the car on which Barrington and McCann rode to Boston station on the day of the murder, identified Barrington and one of the passengers and McCann's photograph as that of the other.

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